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PDC FINES ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FILING REPORTS LATE

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Mike Connelly, issued civil penalties after finding ten elected officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held today in Olympia.

Chairman Connelly found that ten west coast area officials had not timely filed an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement (Form F-1). State law requires elected officials and certain state appointed officials to file an F-1 with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15th reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

Connelly stressed the importance of filing reports that disclose personal financial interests and holdings.

“These reports afford the public tangible proof that officials are acting in the public interest and not for their private gain,” Connelly said.

A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent during the first week of May 2005. On June 4, a second letter with an opportunity to pay a civil penalty and forego an enforcement hearing was sent.

Government officials from Washington's west coast area who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing are:

Ronald Brummel, Director of Raymond School Dist. #116, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Shona Davis, Director of Quilcene School Dist. #048, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Barry Freeman, Director of Montesano School Dist. #066, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Stanley Sturgeon, Director of North Beach School Dist. #064, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

Gregory Barnes, Director of Ocosta School Dist. #172, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

Gregory Colfax, Director of Cape Flattery School Dist. #401, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$400.

Jeffrey Baillargeon, Director of Crescent School Dist. #313, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Barbara Bodin, Commissioner for Mason County Fire Protection Dist. #6, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Ronald Garrison, Commissioner for Jefferson County Fire Protection Dist. #4, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Jim Makin, City Council Member for the City of Westport, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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